

# MOSAICS







# ST. RAPHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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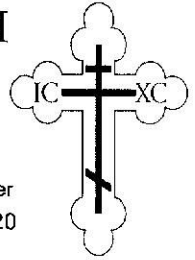
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**SUNDAY, DEC. 1, 2019 – 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7.**

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests ~ Welcome to St. Raphael Orthodox Church.

We are thankful for your visit and for praying with us. Please join us for Brunch at Myrrhbearers Hall following Divine Liturgy. We would like to get to know you. Please sign our Guest Book!

## HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sun.: Reading of The Hours 9:45 AM  
**Divine Liturgy** 10:00 AM

Thu.: Vespers of St. Nicholas 4:00 PM

Friday: **Divine Liturgy - St. Nicholas** 9:00 AM

Sat.: Great Vespers 4:00 PM

*Please bring a  
Donation of food  
each Sunday for  
the Citrus County  
Family Resource  
Center*

*Please invite our  
visitors to join you  
at Brunch in  
Myrrhbearers Hall*

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Luke 20:27-44  
Tue: 2 Thessalonians 1:10-2:2, Luke 21:12-19  
Wed: Hebrews 13:7-16, Luke 12:32-40; 21:5-7; 10-11; 20-24, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Thu: Solomon 3:1-9; 4:7-15; 5:15-6:3, Luke 6:17-23; 21:28-33, Galatians 5:22-6:2, Matt. 11:27-30, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5  
Fri: Proverbs 3; 8; 10:31-11:12, John 10:9-16, Hebrews 13:17-21, Luke 6:17-23; 21:37-22:8, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18  
Sat: Galatians 1:3-10, Luke 13:18-29

**+EPISTLE+ (Ephesians 2:14-22)** For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Choir Practice Sunday 9:00 AM and every Monday at 2:30 PM**

**+GOSPEL+ (Luke 18:18-27)** Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and mother.’” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

***Today is Charity Sunday – Citrus County Family Resource Center***

**St. Nicholas Divine Liturgy - Friday morning at 9 AM**

**The Holy Myrrhbearer No-Bake Bake Sale continues!**

**Instead of baking, please make a contribution. Instead of purchasing baked goods, please make a contribution. Every week someone who contributes will win a drawing for wine or other prize. Special envelopes are available in the narthex. The Holy Myrrhbearer No-Bake Bake Sale runs until Sunday, December 15.**

**The 2020 Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Sunday, January 26, 2020, in the Temple after Divine Liturgy. Copies of the agenda, proposed budget & the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting minutes will be made available soon.**

**THE GIFTS - NOV. 24**

Attendance 43

Regular Offerings	6004
Candles	95
Brunch	63
Charity	10
Special Gift	16,800

*We sincerely thank the Charles E. Davis Funeral Home for its ongoing quarterly donation*

**VIGIL CANDLES - NOVEMBER 24**

**Susanna & Martin Bane - Health of Linda & Pamela**



## MOSAICS: AN ANCIENT ART FORM

**W**hen we think of religious art, our initial thoughts will generally turn to iconography. While sacred images on wood and canvas certainly are the most common, there is another form of art that has a rich history of its own. Mosaic-making is one of the oldest known art forms. It involves a special technique of arranging materials, such as stone and cut glass, in such a way that an image of a person or event is formed. The ancient Egyptians decorated the walls of their temples and tombs with colorful mosaics. The Greeks and Romans of antiquity continued to refine and develop this unusual art form.

When Christianity emerged as a powerful spiritual force during the reign of the Emperor Constantine, mosaics began to flourish. The magnificent Church of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, erected by the Emperor Justinian in the 6th century, featured mosaics of indescribable beauty and splendor. Other churches built during this period also contain fine examples of mosaic art. Amazingly, after centuries of exposure to time, the elements and even attempts at desecration, some still remain intact, with all of their original glory.

The process of making a mosaic is still a long one. Proper materials must be painstakingly selected. Before any of the pieces can be set down, an artist must first design the image that the mosaic will depict. After careful planning of colors and forms, the "masterpiece" is slowly assembled and held together with mortar or other adhesives. This beautiful process reflects the dedicated workmanship that can be admired in churches today!

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